

STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

State/Territory: Pennsylvania

ELIGIBILITY CONDITIONS AND REQUIREMENTS

Survey and Certification Education Program

The State has in effect the following survey and certification periodic educational program for the staff and residents (and their representatives) of nursing facilities in order to present current regulations, procedures, and policies.

Periodically statewide programs on regulations and survey protocols are jointly sponsored by the survey agency (Department of Health, Division of Long Term Care) and the various provider groups (profit, non-profit or county home associations). The survey agency assumes the primary responsibility for presentation of information. The programs are attended by facility administrators, directors of nursing and other staff members.

The survey agency also provides presenters or panel members for local, regional and/or statewide meetings of provider associations and organized groups such as directors of nursing, activity directors, dietary managers, etc.

Speakers are provided from the Division of Long Term Care Headquarters or local Long Term Care Field Offices for meetings of resident/family councils or facility staff to discuss general or specific topics relative to regulations or the survey process.

During annual certification surveys, a member of the survey team meets with the resident council or a representative group of residents where the purpose of the survey is reviewed and questions are addressed.

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